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H.B. No. 324

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of and report on public and private after-school programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.9181 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.9181. STUDY OF AND REPORT ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS. (a) In this section, "after-school program" means a program designed to provide care for and education enhancement to school-age children during a period immediately following the end of the school day.

(b) The agency shall conduct a study of public and private after-school programs in this state to determine:

(1) the number of children served by a public or private after-school program;

(2) the number and location of children who could benefit from but are not served by an after-school program;

(3) federal, state, and local funding sources and amounts that currently support after-school programs;

(4) the extent of any effect of after-school programs on reducing the dropout rate and improving academic performance;
and

(5) the best practices for after-school programs to achieve a reduction in the dropout rate and improvement in academic

1 performance.

2 (c) Not later than December 1, 2012, the agency shall submit
3 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house
4 of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative
5 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and
6 secondary education a written report that contains the results of
7 the study under Subsection (b).

8 (d) This section expires December 31, 2012.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.